IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application g Atty Dkt. 11-893 C# M# OCT 2 9 2002 BRODEUR et al Group Art Unit: 1771 Examiner: Juska Serial No. 09/639,307 Date: October 29, 2002 Filed: August 16, 2000 REINFORCED F Title: OCT 3 1 2002 Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 TC 1700 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 10 minus highest number \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) =X Independent claims after amendment 2 minus highest number 0.00 previously paid for (at least 3) =\$ 84.00 3 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 0.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 Statement filed herewith Applicant claims "small entity" status. Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 Other: TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED 0.00

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

13. (Amended) A carpet tile comprising:

a primary backing having carpet fiber bundles tufted therethrough, the fibers bundles providing a tufted face;

a precoat locking the tufts in place to prevent easy extraction of individual fibers and providing a relatively smooth back face opposite the tufted face;

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